

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Immediately following the title on page 1 of the specification, please **INSERT** the following **NEW SECTION HEADING**:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Immediately following the new section heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications", please **REPLACE** the existing paragraph with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH**:

The present Application:

(i) is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/752,706, filed December 28, 2000, now abandoned, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING USER-CONTROLLED ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS"; which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/263,392, filed March 5, 1999, now abandoned; which is a continuation of (a) U.S. Application No. 08/708,968, filed September 6, 1996, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,884,272 on March 16, 1999; and of (b) U.S. Application No. 08/704,314, filed September 6, 1996, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING AN EMPLOYMENT SEARCH INCORPORATING USER-CONTROLLED ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS[[.]]", issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,884,270 on March 16, 1999; and also

(ii) is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/410,818, filed October 1, 1999, now abandoned, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN PAYMENT IS PROVIDED TO A HOMEOWNER IN EXCHANGE FOR ALLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT A HOME TO BE TRANSMITTED[[.]]".

Immediately following the new Replacement Paragraph described above, please **REPLACE** the existing paragraph with the following **REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH**:

The entirety of each of the above applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.